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ASSOCIATED FACTOR (TRAF), THEIR PREPARATION AND USE )

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## SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

sir:

Supplementing applicants' main response of March 20, 2002, and supplemental response of April 17, 2002, please further amend as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 69 as follows:

69 (Amended). A polypeptide that binds to TRAF2 and either inhibits or increases the activity of NF-kB, said polypeptide comprising:

the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, an a) amino acid sequence encoded by the Aucleotide sequence of SEQ ID/NO:6, or the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5;

an amino acid sequence of a fragment of a),

which fragment binds to TRAF2 and either inhibits or increases the activity of NF-xB;

an amino acid sequence of an amalog of a) or b), having no more than ten changes in the amino acid sequence

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